

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Yakutat****Project Title:**

Yakutat - Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall Renovations

State Funding Requested: \$ 60,000**House District: 5 - C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Yakutat ANB Hall needs several improvements to make it safe for patrons to use. The funding will repair the severe damage to the east wall which will stabilize the entire building.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$148,447**Funding Secured

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Other Pending Requests

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Anticipated Future Need

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Alaska is a unique state. A large part of what makes it unique is its diverse cultures and geographic features. The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood have been institutions in this state for more than 60 years. They have long been the backbone for many rural communities supporting various community activities and events. The ANB/ANS Halls serve as the triage centers for rural communities in Southeast Alaska. Anytime there is an important event in our communities it is held in these buildings. They host funerals, weddings, workshops, fundraisers for families in need, conventions, and many other events throughout the year. These buildings are a crucial part of any community where they exist.

The necessary renovations that need to be made to the Yakutat ANB Hall are to repair the east wall. The east and south walls are load-bearing walls fronting the weather and Monti Bay side of the building. The engineer's report recommended that ANB "remove and reconstruct the east and south wall of the building." The report also points out weaknesses of repairs and maintenance performed in earlier years, and makes recommendations for correcting future ongoing maintenance and utilize building science in the rebuilding the walls in order to avoid a recurrence of the building's structural deficiencies.

Rebuilding the wall now will prevent continued rot and decay, and will ensure the stability of the Hall. It will allow community members to continue using the facility without having to be concerned for their safety. This project will enable ANB to move forward with plans to initiate more extensive remodeling of the facility, which will allow for expansion of services provided to the community, such as a senior lunch program that ANB has long wanted to sponsor.

Project Timeline:

Funding will be secured in the summer of 2008 with construction beginning immediately.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City and Borough of Yakutat

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Kaci Schroeder

From: Alex S. James [ajames@YTTTribes.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 1:38 PM
To: Kaci Schroeder
Subject: RE: This leaves out the ANB logo, would that be okay?

**Alaska Native Brotherhood, Camp # 13
 Camp # 13
 P.O. Box 269
 Yakutat, Alaska 99689**

**RE: ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD CAMP 13 – YAKUTAT
 ANB HALL, EAST & SOUTH WALL REPAIR**

HONORABLE BILL THOMAS,

The Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) Camp 13 is a long-standing organization of great importance to the community of Yakutat. Since its construction more than 80 years ago, the organization's ANB Hall has become the most popular and only gathering place in the community for cultural gatherings, funeral services, clan potlatches, town meetings, arts performances, and many other events for the 700 local residents. ANB and the community would like to see the Hall preserved and restored to its once-immaculate condition; however, before that can take place, the south wall must undergo a critical repair in order to ensure the structural stability of the facility for additional repairs and improvements. The Community of Yakutat and the ANB camp 13 is requesting \$120,000 from the State of Alaska. This will allow ANB to move forward on its longer-term project to revitalize the Hall so that it can continue to serve as a home to community and cultural gatherings for many generations to come.

ANB HALL'S EAST WALL

To assess the condition of the Hall, ANB Camp 13 hired EEIS Consulting engineers in 2002 to conduct a thorough investigation of the facility, including deficiencies and suggestions for improvements. The final report acknowledged that decades in a harsh environment have taken their toll on this aging structure. It noted extensive damage to the south wall

by decay due to wind-driven rain....decay has now advanced up the wall into the sills and jambs of some of the windows. Given the current condition of the windows and the history of decay in the wall, it is likely that decay has now spread to large portions of the wall. Decay destroys the strength of the wooden studs to resist wind and gravity loads (4).

The east and south wall are load-bearing walls fronting the weather and Monti Bay side of the building. The engineer's report recommended that ANB "remove and reconstruct the east and south wall of the building." The report also points out weaknesses of repairs and maintenance performed in earlier years, and makes recommendations for correcting future ongoing maintenance and utilize building science in the rebuilding the walls in order to avoid a recurrence of the building's structural deficiencies. Rebuilding the wall now will prevent continued rot and decay, and will ensure the stability of the Hall. It will allow community members to continue using the facility without having to be concerned for their safety. This project will enable ANB to move forward with plans to initiate more extensive remodeling of the facility, which will allow for expansion of services provided to the community, such as a senior lunch program that ANB has long wanted to sponsor.

ENSURING THE HALL'S STABILITY

Facility

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The east & south wall section to work is approximately 100 feet long. It includes windows and the main entrance, as well as the exterior wall and the removal of the decayed flooring for two restrooms and the exterior walls enclosing the rest rooms. The first repair project will be to brace the structure with the installation of a temporary wall. Once this step is completed, crews will demolish the existing wall, including studs, sheathing, vinyl siding, windows, sections of the decaying floor, and to remove the electrical connections, to include the power service panel. The new wall can then be constructed, sheathed, paneled with electrical connections replaced, and the wood doors and windows replaced. The total process, from stabilization to completion of the replacement wall, is expected to take two months. The City and Borough of Yakutat will administer the grant.

Although the small town of Yakutat has limited local resources, community members have always maintained a "can do" attitude. ANB has already secured donations and discounts toward land (which has been secured), an engineering report (which has been completed), and materials. Donations and discounts total over \$8,559.00 to date, and ANB has internally paid \$20,000.00 for land required for parking and the installation of a fire suppressant system, bringing the match so far to 24% of the total project cost. ANB will continue to approach local businesses and individuals not only for cash donations, but for in-kind support such as material discounts and volunteer assistance.

ENSURING THE HALL IS THERE FOR YAKUTAT

The most crucial outcome of the east and south wall repair is stabilization of the largest and only community facility in Yakutat. This repair will ensure the safety of those who have come to see the ANB Hall as a traditional gathering place. Some smaller events and activities have been relocated to other facilities; however, the ANB Hall remains the most used building in the community. Repairing the east and south wall will allow events formerly held in this building to return to it, thus once again creating the ability to accommodate large numbers of people and events.

Looking at the longer term, completing this repair will pave the way for a large-scale remodeling effort that will ensure code compliance, increase energy efficiency, address accessibility issues, and expand the uses of the facility. One long-term goal is to transform the kitchen into a commercial kitchen, so that ANB can offer programs such as a senior lunch program. Remodeling the kitchen to meet commercial kitchen standards will enable ANB to apply for state funds to offer such social programs for Yakutat's residents. Additionally, the remodeled kitchen will make community-strengthening events such as potlucks and potlatches easier to offer at the facility.

EVALUATING THE RESULTS

The Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 13 will track costs against progress throughout the repair project, ensuring that it stays on course and within budget. The primary evaluation factors upon completion will be:

- Is the east wall stable and secure?
- Was the project completed within the estimated timeframe and within the budget?
- Is the ANB Hall ready for larger scale remodeling efforts?
- Has the project garnered sufficient community support to commence with the comprehensive remodeling project?

THE LONG-TERM PLAN

The east and south wall repair is a one-time project, not requiring future funding.

PROJECT COSTS

The total estimated cost for the east and south wall is \$148,447, which can be broken out as follows:

Item	Est. Cost
Engineering report (complete)	\$8,559
Purchase of additional land (complete)	15,000
Fire suppressant system (complete)	5,000
Materials and shipping	31,300
Labor and benefits	57,620
Equipment	3,500

Project administration	15,000
Contingencies	12,468
Total	\$148,447

Our request is for \$120,000.00. ANB will continue to maximize local resources whenever possible, taking advantage of discounts by vendors, and making requests for in-kind donations and volunteers. Should you require additional information regarding this City and Borough project, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Alex James
ANB Treasurer

Alex James
NALEMP Manager
(907) 784-3238 ext. 231

From: Kaci Schroeder [mailto:Kaci_Schroeder@legis.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 1:35 PM

To: Alex S. James

Subject: RE: ANB-hall Soth & Eastwall repair3_20_08

I can't open the attachment. Can you resend in another format or in the body of the email itself?

Thanks, again.

From: Alex S. James [mailto:ajames@YTTTribe.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 1:06 PM

To: Kaci Schroeder

Subject: ANB-hall Soth & Eastwall repair3_20_08

Kaci,

This is the information requested, if I understood your request. Should you require modification of this proposal, let me know.

3/20/2008

Kaci Schroeder

From: sryman@yakutatak.us
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:58 AM
To: Kaci Schroeder
Subject: FW: ANB Hall

Good Morning Kaci

The Yakutat ANB Hall is the oldest building in the Borough. Built by hand hewn timbers around 1924 it has been the historical community meeting place for visiting dignitaries, federal project coordinators, state assembly purposes, funerals, weddings, potlatches, arts presentations or any gathering public or private requiring more than forty or so persons.
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The hall is a monument to our community's history, culture, political and social cohesiveness. The 60K requested represents only what would be the State's fair share of costs necessary to maintain this vital part of Alaska's history. The ANB itself, individual community members and the Borough supply the bulk of funds necessary to the facility's survival.

Alaska is a State unique among the fifty. This is because the diverse geographic features and cultures within our boundaries are themselves unique. A black and white view of "whose money is who's" is incompatible with the realities of state leadership responsibilities. The State of Alaska uses the ANB Hall and the State of Alaska needs it. Please ask them to help keep it maintained and functional.
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*Grand Camp
Alaska Native Brotherhood*

March 20, 2008

Senator Albert Kookesh
Representative Bill Thomas
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Kookesh and Representative Thomas,

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The ANB Hall in Yakutat needs improvements so that this building may be safer and more enjoyable to the many that use this facility. The entire west wall has water damage and mold and must be replaced. The kitchen is outdated and needs to be upgraded so that it may cater to all the events that take place in this building.

As you can see this building is too important to this community and needs your support to help these improvements become a reality.

Sincerely,

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President

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